Air fares in the Kerala Gulf Sector

1437. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn- to the news item which appeared in "The Statesman" of 5th July, 1986 under the caption 'Keralites anger over air fares from Gulf; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction to the alleged discrimination in fa^e and Cargo charges being charged from the passengers on Trivandrum-Gulf-Trivandrum route as compared to other routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)' Requisite information is given in the attached statement.

Statement

The salient points raised in the press report are as follows:—

(i) Denial of 24 per cent discount by Air India on cargo on Gulf to Triandrum Sector.

(ii) Air India's refusal to introduce additional flights to meet the summer rush.

(iii) Cheaper Excursion tickets of other airlines.

(iv) Directional imbalance in Gulf fares.

(v) Denial of free excess baggage facility on the Gulf-Trivandrum route.

2. The Government's reaction to the alleged discrimination in fare and 1 cargo charges are as follows:—

Sl. No.	Point raised in the press report	Government's reaction
1.	Denial of 24% discount by Air India on cargo on Gulf to Trivandrum Sector.	Incentives and dMscounts that are sometimes offered to cargo exporters are dependent on the competitive environment in the market.
2.	Cheaper Excursion tickets of other airlines.	Fares are usually the same for all airlines. The excursion fares from the Gulf countries to India are lower by 40% than the normal fares. T is is charged by all airlines.
3.	Directiona imbalances in Gulf fares.	The difference of 14% in fares in the two directions is mainly because IATA fares are based on the Fare Construction Unit. This unit has to be converted into local currencies by Currency Adjustment Factors, hence the difference.

Bill against denigration of women through advertisements and films

1438. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Bill against denigration of women through advertisements and films- and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The legislation is under consideration.